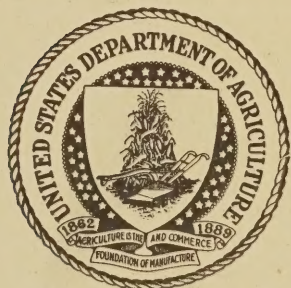


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+ RECORD PRODUCTION OF WHITE-CLOVER SEED THIS YEAR

The white-clover seed crop this year is indicated to be the largest ever produced, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. It is estimated at 3,080,000 pounds of clean seed, compared with 2,170,000 pounds last year and the 1940-44 average of 1,608,000 pounds. The 42-percent increase over last year and the 92-percent increase over the average are attributed to the larger acreage and also larger yield per acre. Increases in production over last year are most marked in Idaho and Tennessee. Only in Louisiana is production smaller this year than last.

Acreage for harvest in the 6 important producing States—Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Idaho, and Oregon—is estimated at 22,700 acres. This is 12 percent more than the 20,300 acres harvested last year and 20 percent above the average of 18,970 acres. High prices for white-clover seed received by growers in recent years and prospective good yields induced many growers to harvest a seed crop this year.

Yield of 136 pounds of clean seed per acre is expected this year, compared with 107 pounds last year and the average of 83 pounds. Yields above average in Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Idaho more than offset the below-average yields per acre in Louisiana, Tennessee, and Oregon.

Production of clean white-clover seed, by States, is given in the accompanying table.

State	Average 1940-44 Pounds	1945 Pounds	1946 Pounds
Louisiana	472,000	300,000	180,000
Mississippi	181,400	210,000	320,000
Tennessee	1/ 42,500	200,000	340,000
Wisconsin	275,200	630,000	800,000
Idaho	470,000	690,000	1,300,000
Oregon	175,400	140,000	140,000
United States	1,608,000	2,170,000	3,080,000
1/ 4-year average.			

Carry-over on farms is estimated at approximately 20,000 pounds of clean seed, compared with 9,000 pounds last year. Stocks of old white-clover seed held by dealers on June 30 were 337,000 pounds, compared with 305,000 pounds last year and the 5-year average of 585,000 pounds. In addition to these stocks, the Government owned on June 30 about 2,000 pounds, compared with 13,000 pounds last year and the average of less than 4,000 pounds.

Imports of white-clover seed in July were 4,400 pounds (from France), compared with 5,300 pounds last year and 57,400 pounds in 1944 for the same month.

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